Mandatory approval of AICTE and UGC

†975. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the educational institutions, providing technical and professional education are required to take approval of All India Council of Technical Education and University Grants Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the norms stipulated for providing such approval;

(d) the provisions for action against the institutions not seeking the said approval; and

(e) the number of institutions against which action has been taken, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) As per Section 10(k) of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) Act, 1987, the Council is empowered to grant approval for starting new technical institutions.

(c) The AICTE has prescribed norms for granting approval for starting new technical institutions and introduction of new courses through Regulations published in the Gazette of India: Extraordinary dated 14.09.2006.

(d) and (e) AICTE, from time to time publishes for general information, the names of technical institutions functioning without its approval, and has placed a list of 209 unapproved institutions on its website (www. aicte.ernet. in)

Literacy in Rajasthan

976. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of literacy among children below fourteen years in Rajasthan, and how it compares with other States and all India average and whether it is lower in SCs/STs/OBCs, particularly girls;

(b) the school dropout rate in Rajasthan in primary, secondary and senior secondary level and whether it is lower in rural area, girls, SCs, STs and OBCs; and

(c) the steps Government are contemplating to improve the above scenario?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Based on the Selected Educational Statistics 2004-05, against the all India Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of 93.54% at the elementary stage (Classes I to VIII, ages 6-14), the GER of Rajasthan is 102.67%. In Rajasthan, GER for SC students is 105.16% and is 96.33% for ST students as against national average of 98.79% and 102.36% respectively. For SC girls, the GER is 95.65% against national average of 90.29% and for ST girls it is 86.10% against national average of 95.82%. The

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